

# HAVE YOU FOUND HIM YET?

Pastor Joseph Hovsepian

Matthew 2:1-12

The Messiah-King is born. The Eternal One entered time and became a tiny infant. The Lord of glory came to earth in a human body. In Colossians 2:9 we read: *“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.”*

In the first chapter of Matthew we read about the genealogy and the birth of Jesus Christ.

In the second chapter we read about the wise men who came to visit the Messiah King.

These “Wise Men” were Magi (Μαγοι) = Magicians.

Actually they were oriental astrologers who studied the stars and tried to understand the times.

They were gentiles who had been called by God to come and worship the new born King.

We do not know how many there were, where came from or what their names were. Christmas traditions do not always have Biblical support!

We also don't know how far they traveled, but we do know that they came from far, perhaps from Persia or Southern Arabia, they traveled for months to find the King.

They searched and they asked people *“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?”* (Matthew 2:2)

But *“When King Herod heard this he was disturbed.”* (Matthew 2:3)

Why? Because King Herod feared anyone who threatened his throne. Herod the Great was ruthless monster who even killed his own children to protect his throne.

He was a descendant of Esau and, therefore, a traditional enemy of the Jews. He was a convert to Judaism, but his conversion was perhaps politically motivated.

It was actually toward the end of his reign that the wise men from the East came in search of the King of the Jews.

It was the “Star in the East” that somehow made them aware of the birth of a king. But, possibly they were familiar with OT prophecies concerning the Messiah's arrival.

Or, perhaps they knew of Balaam's prediction that a star would come out of Jacob (Numbers 24:17) and they connected this with the prophecy of seventy weeks which foretold the time of Christ's first coming (Daniel 9:24-25).

But it is more probable that the knowledge was communicated to them supernaturally.

# HAVE YOU FOUND HIM YET?

Pastor Joseph Hovsepian

Matthew 2:1-12

The visit of the Magi is an indication that the Gentiles would someday soon worship the King.

Their experience is a wonderful lesson in finding the will of God:

- They followed the light God gave them.
- They confirmed their steps by the Word of God.
- They obeyed God without question and He led them each step.
- “They returned to their country by another route” (v.12).

Anyone who comes to Christ will go home another way!

No one who meets Christ with a sincere heart ever returns the same way. True encounter with Jesus transforms all of life.

The Magi also brought gifts to the King. They brought gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, but they brought to Him something more valuable and precious to Him, they gave Him themselves by worshipping Him.

To find the King (Jesus) they had to travel for months maybe for years.

They were willing to leave behind their worldly activities and schedules in search of someone who would be worthy of worshipping, The Messiah King. They came seeking to find Him and they found Him.

In Luke 11:9-10 we read:

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you .For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”*

But how do people respond today when they hear about Jesus?

Well, some people just like the Jewish leaders may ignore and remain indifferent.

Others, like King Herod will try to get rid of Jesus and His message. Many say that they have found the King, and even sing songs and carols but they are only paying lip service.

And then, there are those who like the Wise Men will respond to the news and search and find the King and Worship Him and make Him their King and Lord.

Have you found the King of Kings yet? And if you have, have you worshiped Him like the wise men.